

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF WATER, ELECTRIC,
AND COMMUNICATIONS TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF MUSCATINE, IOWA
August 27, 2024 – 4:03 P.M.**

The Board of Trustees met in regular session at Muscatine Power and Water's Administration/Operations Building, 3205 Cedar Street, Muscatine, Iowa, on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 4:03 p.m.

Chairperson Steven Bradford called the meeting to order. Members of the Board were present as follows: Trustees Susan Eversmeyer, Tammi Drawbaugh, and Kevin Fields. Trustee Keith Porter was absent due to previously planned travel.

Also present were Gage Huston, General Manager of Muscatine Power and Water; Kelly Miller, Board Secretary; Erika Cox, Brandy Olson, Mark Roberts, Ryan Streck and Doug White of Muscatine Power and Water. Guests attending the meeting were Greg Slonka, Allicia Shannon, David O'Connor and Jessica Brackett.

Public comments were made by Gage Huston.

The minutes of the July 30, 2024 Board meeting were presented as previously submitted to all Board members. Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer, the minutes from the July 30, 2024 Board meeting be approved. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The list of expenditures and transactions for July 2024 were presented. Mr. Huston reviewed the expenditures, and after additional discussion Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer, to ratify payment of \$7,120,255.84 for the Electric Utility, \$813,468.47 for the Water Utility, and \$990,309.63 for the Communications Utility, for a cumulative total of \$8,924,033.94. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 4:10 p.m. Chairperson Bradford stated the Board would be going into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing competitive information related to solar lease agreements in accordance with Iowa Code 388.9 (protecting competitive information), and Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j)(real estate transactions). Trustee Drawbaugh moved, Seconded by Trustee Fields to move into Closed Session. On roll call, Trustees Fields, Drawbaugh, Eversmeyer, and Bradford voted aye. Voting nay, none. Motion carried.

At 4:36 p.m. the meeting was reconvened to open session.

Mr. Huston recommended the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Blackhawk Capital Investments, LLC. After further review and discussion, Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer, to authorize the General Manager to enter into a lease agreement with Blackhawk Capital Investments, LLC. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston next reviewed the recommendation to Approve a Revised Project Summary Form (PSF) for the AO Emergency Generator Replacement Project. The AO Emergency Generator Replacement project was approved with the 2024 budget. The low bid was higher than the anticipated bid in the original PSF. Drivers for the increased cost were a change in the fuel tank design due to limited existing fire protection and sharp increases in material costs. After further review and discussion, Trustee Drawbaugh moved, seconded by Trustee Fields, to approve the

Revised Project Summary Form for the AO Emergency Generator Replacement Project. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Huston reviewed the previously submitted memorandum to all Trustees regarding designating the week of October 6-12, 2024 as Public Power Week. To support and increase awareness of the public to the benefits of public power, MPW would like to have the City of Muscatine designate this week to celebrate public power and recognize the important contributions MPW provides to the community. The following resolution was submitted:

RESOLUTION 24-15
PUBLIC POWER WEEK
October 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine, Iowa wishes to recognize its customers and employees during Public Power Week; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Muscatine, place high value on a community-owned, not-for-profit utility and, as both customers and owners of the utility, have chosen local control over operations and policies through their City-appointed Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, the MPW electric system is a community asset that contributes to the well-being of the local citizens through things such as energy efficiency, customer service, environmental protection, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, MPW employees are neighbors serving neighbors, providing homes, businesses, schools, and local government agencies with not-for-profit electric services while considering these four important factors: Reliability, Affordability, Flexibility and Sustainability, making our community the best place to live, stay, work, and play, and;

WHEREAS, Muscatine Power and Water is a dependable and trustworthy institution whose local operation provides many consumer protections, provides prompt service during emergencies, and contributes to protecting the environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees request that the Mayor and City Council designate the week of October 6 – October 12, 2024 as Public Power Week in Muscatine, in order to honor Muscatine Power and Water, its customers, policy makers, and its employees, who work together to provide the best possible services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Muscatine has joined hands with other communities across the nation in this celebration of the many benefits of the public power model.

Trustee Eversmeyer moved, seconded by Trustee Drawbaugh, that said resolution be passed, approved, and adopted this 27th day of August 2024. On roll call, Trustees Eversmeyer, Drawbaugh, Fields, and Bradford voted aye. Voting nay, none. Resolution carried.

In the General Manager's report, Mr. Huston updated the Board that MPW was recently recognized by the American Public Power Association (APPA) with its Century Award. APPA

recognized that since serving its first customer with electricity in 1924, MPW's electric utility has delivered dependable power to Muscatine area residents and industry and played a vital role in the community's growth and development.

Mr. Huston also reviewed plans for the upcoming Community Block Party to be held September 13 at Discovery Park. MPW will be one of the event's named sponsors and increase our presence with the MPW Fun Zone, featuring our popular Bucket Truck Rides, and our Mr. Sparky and Energy Bike demos. New this year will be the Fix a Water Main demo (popular at our last Customer Appreciation Day), a Spinning Prize Wheel and Photo Booth activities.

Mr. Huston and Mr. Roberts reviewed MPW initiated a process in 2024 to have an internal control review done by a third party to provide an independent review of MPW's internal controls in select areas. This year, MPW contracted with RSM to perform an internal control review of the process from obtaining meter reads to receiving cash payments for electric and water services provided. RSM's comprehensive review was completed in July.

Mr. Huston and Ms. Cox next reviewed the Broadband label compliance requirement that will be in place on October 10, 2024. Language in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act directed the Federal Communications Commission to formulate rules requiring providers to create consumer-friendly labels with information and costs associated with their broadband services. The label format mimics the nutrition label found on food products.

The July Financial Operating Statements and Balance Sheets were presented as previously submitted to all Trustees. Mr. Roberts reviewed the MPW dashboard and the Financial Results Summary for each Utility.

There were no entries on the Competitive Quotes for Public Improvements Report.

Mr. Huston reviewed the Monthly Project Status Report and Variance Analysis report.

The August Departmental Reports were presented as previously submitted to all Trustees. Mr. Huston provided a high-level review, and Mr. White provided a Powering the Future status report, which included an update on key environmental regulations impacting MPW's power generation fleet.

No public comments were made.

Trustee Fields moved, seconded by Trustee Eversmeyer to receive and place on file the August 2024 Utility Reports. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

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Kelly Miller
Board Secretary